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Applicants : Horst Fischer et al.
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For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS
THERAPY

Examiner : Howard Owens
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on February 3, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Group IV, claims 42-44, 52-56, 58-64, directed to a composition and method of treating cystic fibrosis comprising administration of a flavone or isoflavone and a substance that increases trafficking of a CFTR or expression of a CFTR, for examination at this time.

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.